In re Application of:

Robert C. Simpson

Serial No.: 09/989,342 Confirmation No.: 5345

Filed: November 20, 2001

For: EPIDURAL CATHETER DISPENSER SYSTEM

TO CONTAIN AND CONTROL AN EPIDURAL CATHETER, MAINTAIN EPIDURAL CATHETER §

STERILITY, AND PREVENT EPIDURAL
CATHETER CONTAMINATION

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Catherine S. Williams

Att'y Docket: 022471.001US

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AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2005

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring April 12, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. In a separate petition for extension of time, Applicant has requested and paid the \$510.00 small entity fee for securing a three-month extension of time for response making this response due July 12, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.